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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JUSTICE REP RE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION  
TASK FORCE: U.S.-MEXICAN PRISONER TRANSFER TREATY

1. MICHAEL ABBELL, STAFF ASSISTANT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL, HAS BEEN NAMED TO COORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE. HE WILL BE VISITING MEXICO IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS TO FAMILIARIZE SELF WITH SITUATION.
  2. ONE OF HIS TASKS IS TO PREPARE BOOKLET FOR USE IN ADVISING OFFENDERS OF RIGHTS. TWO ISSUES OF MEXICAN LAW WILL REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION. ONE WILL BE DEGREE OF DISADVANTAGE SUFFERED BY DROPPING APPEAL. SHOULD THEY BE ADVISED THAT SURVIVING REMEDY BY COLLATERAL ATTACK HAS LITTLE (NO) PRACTICAL UTILITY? ANOTHER IS QUESTION OF REPARATIONS. IS THE ORDER TO PAY REPARATIONS
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INCLUDED IN SAME DOCUMENT AS ORDER OF CONFINEMENT?  
IS IT REGARDED AS CIVIL OR AS CRIMINAL IN CHARACTER?  
IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A SAMPLE OF A MEXICAN  
"SENTENCIA" FOR OUR FILES.

3. ABBELL WILL EXPLORE DESIRABILITY OF SENDING SPANISH-SPEAKING TEAMS FROM JUSTICE TO INTERVIEW PRISONERS AND

PREPARE FOR MOVE. TIMING WOULD DEPEND ON INDICATIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESS WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AFTER SENATE HEARINGS.

4. QUESTION OF PROVISION OF COUNSEL IS UNDER INTENSIVE REVIEW. RAMSEY CLARK MET WITH STATE AND JUSTICE REPS TO URGE NECESSITY OF COUNSEL. HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HECHT GROUP. WE HAVE OTHER OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE.

5. ARE THERE ANY INDICATIONS AS TO PROSPECTS OF GETTING COLLABORATION OF MEXICAN STATES IN TRANSFERRING THEIR OFFENDERS?

6. KENNEY MATERIALS DULY ARRIVED. VANCE

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